

Appl. No. 10/681,497
Response to OA of 9-22-09 (Final)

Amended Claim(s)

16. (Currently Amended) In the method for forming composite products consisting of a polyolefin material which is 25 to 75 percent by weight of the total composite, a lignocellulosic material talc, and at least one of the group consisting of a lubricant, a cross- linking agent, a UV stabilizer, an inhibitor, and a coupling agent such as to increase their resistance to surface visual impairment caused by mold attack, the improvement which consists of incorporating an amount of a cationic salt of boric acid selected from the group of synthetic calcium borate, colemanite, ulexite, or mixtures thereof in the range of from about 2 to 12 percent by weight of said composite product.

Remarks

1. OA 2 rejects Claims 19 and 20 under 35 USC § 112 as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

Applicant requests reconsideration of this rejection as the lignocellulosic limits in claims 19 and 20 are enabled by Examples 1 & 2 of the original Specification. Example 1 used a formulation where the wood content was greater than 40% and the wood content in Example 2 was 70% of the total composite weight . It is believed this information traverses the § 112 rejection.

2. The § 112 rejection is the sole rejection of Claims 19 and 20; there is no art rejection of these claims. Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider whether art rejections are appropriate given the argument that the § 112 rejection be reversed.